

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated March 12, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 1-5 are pending, and Claims 1-5 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 2 and 5 are objected to for minor informalities, which have now been corrected. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected as indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and Claim 3 has been cancelled.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Saitoh et al. (US 5,870,224). Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Saitoh et al. in view of Ito et al. (US 5,459,021). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

There are two kinds of film disclosed in Saitoh:

1. (Column 4, L15-L55) The film support of Saitoh is used for forming the lens sheet with a UV curable resin. Although, the film support is recognized as a base film, it has no protection film nor functions as protection for a long term which the protection film of the present invention does.

2. (Column 5, L43-L64 & FIG.11) This refers to an ultraviolet-sensitive resin film 6. The film 6, as seen in FIG. 6, has an exfoliation film 7 and a protective film 8 on both sides of a positive type ultraviolet-sensitive agent 1110.

The construction of the second Saitoh film may be seen as similar to that of the present invention. However, the positive type ultraviolet-sensitive agent 1110 protected by the exfoliation film 7 and the protective film 8, which is disclosed by Saitoh, is not same as the base sheet of the lens sheet as claimed in the present application. As described in FIGs. 13 and 14, the positive type ultraviolet-sensitive agent 1110 is used for forming black stripes, where an ultraviolet beam 1310 is radiated from the lenticular lens side which is already formed, then the radiated portion changes to be non-adhesive and the non-radiated portion remains adhesive, thus the carbon black layer 1410 can be adhered selectively on the adhesive surface. Therefore, the positive type ultraviolet-sensitive agent 1110 of Saitoh is essentially different from the base sheet of the lens sheet as claimed in the present

application. In addition, a positive type ultraviolet-sensitive agent 1110 before the radiation of UV has adhesion itself. In contrast, the base sheet of the lens sheet claimed in the present application has no adhesive itself, and the protection film has an adhesive on one of its sides.

Since Saitoh et al. fails to teach all the claimed elements of independent Claim 1 and new Claim 6, the Applicant considers these claims, and the claims dependent thereon, to be novel, and the rejections overcome.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A protection film for a base sheet of a lens sheet, wherein the lens sheet has its lens surface formed of a UV-curable resin layer; the protection film has provided on its one surface side an adhesive agent layer on one side; and a transmittance of ultraviolet rays of which wave length is 320 nm transmitting through the protection film is 82% or more.
 2. (original) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive strength is from 0.4 to 2.3 N / 25 mm.
 3. (cancelled)
 4. (currently amended) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1 wherein the adhesive agent is the one that contains a polyolefin-based resin component.
 5. (original) A protection film for a base sheet according to claim 1, wherein the material of the base sheet is an acrylic resin.
 6. (new) A base sheet with a protection film for a lens sheet, wherein the protection film has an adhesive on one side; and a transmittance of ultraviolet rays of which wave length is 320 nm transmitting through the protection film is 82% or more.

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7. (new) A base sheet with a protection film for a lens sheet according to claim 6,
wherein the protection film is pasted from the side of the adhesive, a surface of the
base sheet has coated thereon an antistatic agent containing a cationic surface
active agent, and the base sheet has a surface resistivity after one year from
production of $10^{12} \Omega / \square$ or less.